

WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) GUIDELINES
For
ELEMENTARY GRADES

GOALS:

- Provide effective management of head lice infestation in school.
- Minimize student absences due to head lice infestation.
- Educate school community about head lice: prevention, identification, and management.

PROCEDURE:

- When an elementary grade student is found to have head lice they will be referred to the parent or guardian for appropriate treatment.
 - The student may return to school after adequate treatment in consultation with the school nurse.
 - The school nurse may exclude a student until the treatment is deemed satisfactory for re-entry.
 - When a case is identified, the school nurse will check their classmates.
 - If there are two or more identified cases in one classroom, the school nurse will send notification to the parents/guardians of that class. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.
 - Parents will be provided with educational information and current supporting websites via newsletter annually, and on an as needed basis.
- [<http://www.headliceinfo.com>]1 www.headliceinfo.com1 (includes a video tutorial)
- [<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html>]2 www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html2
- [<http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/factsheets/pedicu.htm>]3 www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/factsheets/pedicu.htm3